

Turkey Run Ridge Group Campground



In Brief

Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park System, is a 17,000+ acre piedmont forest preserving a variety of natural and cultural resources 32 miles south of Washington, D.C. The park offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including 37 miles of hiking trails, over 21 miles of bicycle accessible roads and trails and numerous campgrounds. The park's cultural resources are varied and include historic cabin camps built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s and used by the Office of Strategic Services (predecessor to the CIA) during the Second World War.

Welcome

Turkey Run Ridge group campground is a camping facility for organized groups of seven or more people. The campground is open year-round. Campsite capacity ranges from 25 to 40 persons. Each site has tables, grills and lantern posts.

Restrooms feature sinks and flush toilets. There are no showers. There is one amphitheater with bench seating, which is reservable on a first come, first served basis.

Rules and Regulations

For the benefit of all: Campsites must be kept clean and orderly from the time of arrival to departure. All garbage must be placed in the dumpsters provided. Comfort stations should be checked periodically by each group leader to be certain the water is turned off. Groups are responsible for the comfort station.

Fires must be contained in park provided or personal grills. No fires can be left unattended. Extinguish all fires before retiring or leaving the area. Leave extinguished ashes in the grills.

Prince William Forest Park does not offer fire wood. Picking up dead or downed wood for fires is not allowed. Fire wood must be brought in.

Ropes, clotheslines, tentlines, hammocks and nails are not to be attached to trees or other vegetation. Quiet hours are between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and are to be strictly observed. Service sinks are located at the comfort stations. All dishes and utensils must be washed in the service sinks or in containers. Pour wastewater directly into drains and not onto the ground. Do not use campsite

spigots for cleaning, bathing or brushing teeth.

Tents and screens must be kept inside the logged area in order to protect surrounding vegetation and reduce soil compaction. Digging, trenching or leveling sites for any purpose is prohibited. Bringing straw, hay, pine boughs or any vegetative materials into the campground is prohibited. The following are prohibited in the campground: Alcoholic beverages, firearms, weapons of any kind and pets.

Campers must clean site of all trash, food items and property before leaving the park. Check out time is 12:00 p.m.

Amphitheater use

Only registered campers with permits for the amphitheater may assemble in the amphitheater facility. A group leader must have a bucket filled with water during the campfire. Fires must be contained within the stone pit. Bonfires or enlarging the stone enclosure is not permitted. All fires must be “dead” out when you leave.

Emergencies and Security

Report all emergencies to a park ranger. The visitor center is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with exception to Christmas day, Thanksgiving and New Year's day. The visitor center phone number is 703-221-7181.

For a law enforcement concern, please contact a park ranger or call Park Dispatch toll free at 866-677-6677, or call 9-1-1 for emergencies. A payphone is located at the Turkey Run Ridge parking lot.

Keep valuables and property secure at all times. Report lost and found items to a park ranger or at the visitor center.

Potomac Hospital is approximately ten miles north of the park. To get there, turn left on 619. Turn left on U.S. Route 1 Northbound at the stoplight. Proceed for eight miles. Turn left onto Opitz Blvd. Drive for ¾ mile. Potomac Hospital is on the right.

Reservations and Fees

Reservations are required for camping and amphitheater use. An adult responsible for the group must submit an application requesting the group’s preferred camping dates. Applications may be obtained at the visitor center or by calling the visitor center at 703-221-7181 and requesting one.

We recommend submitting applications for the spring and fall season at least one month in advance. We do not take reservations by phone, but we can provide information on site availability. Upon receipt of your application we will schedule your group and provide you with a permit (if space is available).

Campers are required to pay the camping fee and the park entrance fee. The camping fee for Turkey Run Ridge group campground is \$40.00 per site per night. The park’s entrance fee is \$5.00 for each vehicle and is valid for three consecutive days.

The group leader must check in prior to 5:00 p.m. to pay any remaining fees. Groups may move into the reserved campsite any time after 12:00 p.m.

Maximum stay is 28 days in a calendar year with no more than seven consecutive days at any one time.

Tent Sites

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(see park map for hiking trails)

